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Well, we have threaded through and through The gleaming forests. Fairy Isles, Begirt in God's eternal smiles As fallen stars in fields of blue; Some futile wars with subtle love That mortal never vanquished vetsome symphonies by angels set In wave below, in bough above-Were yours and mine; but here adieu.

Yet if it come to pass some days That you grow weary, sad, and you Lift up deep eyes from dusty ways Of mart and moneys to the blue And pure, cool waters, isle and vine. And bathe you there, and then arise Refreshed by one fresh thought of mine, I rest content; I kiss your eyes, I kiss your hair in my delight, kiss my hand to say "Good-night."

May love be thine by sun or moon; May peace be thine by stormy way, Through all the darling days of May, hrough all the genial days of June, lo golden days that die in smiles Of sunset on the blessed isles. -Joaquin Miller.

# An Awkward Moment.

"You must have been in some pretty entreaty for her hand. She was awfully tight places at different times, Roger. We know what you got this cross for, that I'd over-exert myself, and was conbut I suppose that the chances were stantly making me tell her stories of my often very nearly as heavy against you." experiences. I am afraid that sometimes The man who made this remark was I a little overdid the Othello business. seated opposite his friend before the but she never seemed to mind. cheerful fire in the smoking room of a London military club. Both had the stasy of happiness tempered with occab onzed faces and prematurely, grizzled sional qualms of doubt. I hesitated to hair which betoken long sojourns under almost tropical skies. The one who had been addressed as "Roger" was slightly spite my belief that my affection was rethe elder, and upon his broad chest bore the tiny scrap of ribbon that indicated that the wearer had won the most prized of English decorations, the Victoria Aguin, if she accepted rae, I should be Cross. He did not reply for a minute or so anxious to be married that I couldn't two to his companion's words. Apparently they had called up many reminiscences, few of which were agreeable, but say that I was very young; you can see at last a smile lighted up his features, that from my state of mind. Well,

"Yes, old boy; I've very often thought He cut the Gordian knot at once. 'Ask my life wasn't going to last a second the lady,' he said, 'and if she consents, longer; but the most awkward moment get the captain to marry you as soon as "No? Then I presume it was when

you were besieged in the Residency during the mutiny?" "It wasn't in action at all. It was on board ship.'

"Wreck?" "No. That is to say, the ship wasn't wrecked, but I thought I was.

"Tell me about it.

years ago, and the telling can't hurt any one now. Still, you will understand that the names I shall give you are not the true ones, and you must promise not thing sure before I put my faith to the the outer face of each story were several to try to find out what those were."

"Here goes, then," said Roger, settling himself back in his chair. "It occurred those Indian imps. I had pretty nearly boy speedily returned with a request that get over the wounds I received in the I would follow him to the captain's affair for which the queen gave me the cabin. duty. The colonel, however, bless his table looking over a chart. Somehow or old heart! wouldn't hear of it, and in- other he appeared to be unusually forsisted on my taking a year's leave. There midable. was no canal in these days, and the pleasantest way of going home then he said, as he waved me to take a seat, was by one of the fine clipper ships 'Can I do anything for you?" round the Cape. I was fortunate "Well, captain, it's rather a delicate enough to get a cabin to myself on board matter, but I wanted to ask you some the Winchester, of Greene's line. The thing about your powers on board. urser, Watson, I had met at some mess dinners in Ca'cutta, and he promised to a little sternly. 'Why do you ask? Do make things as pleasant as possible. We you want some one put in irons for inhad very few passengers, mostly invalided sulting you?' officers, two or three civilians, and four ladies. I saw three that I would like you to use are of a dif- the Taeping rebels in 1853. the ladies on deck when we ferent kind—the matrimohial ones. sailed, and none of them impressed me as being specially charming. The cap- jumping to his feet, and his face light tain, whose name was, we'll say, John ing up with a sailor's quick sympathy Smith, looked like one of the regular for a love affair. 'So you have lost your navy. He were a uniform and sword, heart to one of my passengers? Pray and was very severe of aspect and stiff which is it?' in bearing. I found out afterward that he was a regular martinet, and the half- I can trust you not to let this go any dozen midshipmen and the minor officers further at present. It is Miss Latimer? stood in considerable awe of him. On

my being introduced, he favored me with a formal grasp of the hand, and jerked that this old sea-dog is a little bit gone out a few words about having heard of in that quarter himself? "We did not begin to drop down the before he made any verbal comment on river till the day was fairly advanced, and I had searcely got my traps in order when it was time to dress for dinner. In lady on the subject of your hopes?" those days the captain would have been insulted if his passengers did not turn out in full evening toggery. We soldiers ment to think that the love you say you were seated at table in accordance with feel is returned by her?' our rank, and as I had only just got my company, I was pretty well down toward | kind to me, and has talked to me a great the foot, or purser's end. This I did not deal, and seemed to like to have me talk at first feel inclined to regret, as the to her.' prospect appeared that we should be a "And on these faint grounds you little more free and easy than were the base your hopes?' fogies up at the top. But when I had | "I didn't at all like the tone in which got fairly settled into my place I looked he made that remark, and I was about on his right was the prettiest girl I had stopped me from speaking by holding ever seen. Her eyes were-well, it's no up his hand. use my giving you an auctioneer's catalogue of her charms. You just picture ton. I ought to have stopped you before. your ideal, and she would come very I couldn't possibly marry you to the near it. All I knew was that I was com- lady.' pletely knocked over. I am sure my neighbors must have thought I was rather warmly. either surly or stupid, for I never ad-

nold of my friend Watson, and inquired the secret I am about to confide to you.' now under the care of Mrs. Newmex, one the name of the young lady.

dressed them, and I was scarcely con-

scious what replies I made to their re-

marks. All my attention was given to a

came out with us this voyage, I suppose tainly I did not fully understand all he These are two out of a thousand instanonly for her health, since she's going was saying, but I managed to retain ces of the wonders worked under our right back. Understand she's an orphan, sense enough to bow my head in sign of own eyes, and we are prepared to accept and got some money. Shall I introduce

"Of course I jumped at the offer, and very soon the magic words were spoken who was left an orphan under unusually which privileged me to speak to my idol. sad circumstances and surroundings. You see even now I get enthusiastic and She dreaded to be left in England alone. romantic in my language when I talk The owners of this line do not allow about her, so you can imagine the conditheir captains to have their tion of hopeless 'smite' in which I was wives with them even as passenthen. Well, she proved to be just as gers. We therefore decided to keep our charming a wife booked as

"I don't suppose there is any place in the truth. I trust to you to keep it sathe world so favorable for love-making cred, for I don't want to retire yet for a

to tread without a special summons.

would never dream of flirting with her, and I fancy few people would have ven-tured on any direct love making without

a speedy accompaniment of a humble

kind to me; used always to be afraid

"Day after day slipped away in an ec-

put my fate to the test for if by any

chance she should refuse me-and de-

turned, such an event was barely possi-

"But is that legal? I inquired.

test.

istrate, registrar and sometimes doc-

"Good-morning, Captain Hamilton,"

"They are absolute, sir,' he answered,

"Not exactly, captain. The fetters

" 'The deuce you say!' he exclaimed,

" 'Don't say any more, Captain Hamil-

"Why not, Captain Smith?' I asked,

"Because, sir, I couldn't very well

"I was married,' said the captain,

'when I was last home, to Miss Latimer.

"'My wife,' he answered, firmly.

marry you to my own wife.'

assent.

"What?' I almost shricked.

" Not yet, captain.'

as a comfortable passenger ship. Not voyage or two.' one of these new 'ocean greyhounds' that | "I am sure I don't know how I go rush at break-neck speed through all from his cabin to my own, but once in kinds of weather, and land you at your the latter, I bolted the door, and never destination almost before you have time to know any one aboard, but a fine cliptell if the captain ever confided to his per vessel, whose only propelling power | wife what took place in his cabin, but I is nature's breath, and to the passengers sometimes fancied I could see in her face on which every change of weather or when her eyes fell on me, an expression shift of wind is of vast import and in-terest. These afford endless themes for never noticed there before. One thing I talk, and mutual interest seems to draw was sure of, however, and that was that people closer together. Miss Latimer when I became more familiar with her I had quite an affection for the Winches- did not think her quite so pretty as I did ter, which had brought her safely from at first.

England, and was then bearing her "When the Winchester touched at St. back. She and the captain appeared to Helena, I arranged with Captain Smith be on excellent terms, and she was often invited to walk on the captain's own for the next vessel of Greene's line. Wo side of the quarter-deck-a pathway made ill health and the need of land air

which we were supposed not to venture | the excuse. "That time in the captain's cabin was "There was something about Miss the most awkward moment I ever knew. Latimer-Rose was her name-which I suppose I am the only fellow who ever was irresistibly attractive to me. I do asked a man to marry him to his own not know exactly how to describe it, ex- wife. "At any rate, if there is another, cept as a curious compound of girlish he has my sympathy."-Julian Magnus, innocence and womanly frankness. One in Harper's Weekly.

Nankin's Porcelain Tower. The city of Nankin, the capital of China, has for centuries been famous to the "barbarians" of the outer world for its porcelain tower—a relic of the splendor of its ancient days before Peking underground refuges for shelter in a torits porcelain tower-a relic of the splenformer dimensions. The porcelain tower was built quite early in the fifteenth cen-Loh, and as a work of filial piety. It was a monument to the memory of his mother, and he determined that its beauty should as far outshine that of any ble—it would be very unpleasant to meet her every day for at least two months. similar memorial as the transcendent virtues of the parent, in her son's eyes, surpassed those of the rest of her sex. No expense was spared in its erection, and its total cost is estima ed at more than three-fourths of a million of our own money. The work was comthat from my state of mind. Well, finally I made a confidant of Watson. menced at noon on a certain day in 1413, and occupied nearly twenty years in its completion. The total height of the porcelain tower was more than 200 feet, or about equal to that of the monutop to bottom with the finest porcelain, " Perfectly. It will be duly entered glazed and colored. It consisted of nine in the ship's log just the same as a birth. The captain is ex-officio clergyman, mag-"The idea was splendid, and I gave points of the roof, and from each chain Watson my best thanks. I should have was suspended a bell which hung over at once proceeded to act on his advice, the face of the tower. The same arrange-"Well, I don't mind. It's twenty but it occurred to me that it might be as ment was carried out in every story. The well to sound the captain, and see if he bells added much to the graceful appearwould be willing to perform the cere- ance of the tower, breaking its otherwise mony. You see, I wanted to have every- formal and monotonous outline. Round I waited through one day for a apertures for lanterns, and when these "All right. I'll be content with the favorable opportunity to speak to the were all illuminated, we are told, in the captain on deck, but he never invited magniloquent language of the Chinese me to share his walk. So the next morn- historian, that "their light illuminated ing I sent a message by his boy, asking the entire heavens, shining into the just after we'd finished up the last of if he could spare me a few minutes. The hearts of men, and eternally removing human misery." It is not difficult to imagine, however, that the appearance of the tower on such an occasion must cross, and I reported myself as fit for "I found the great man sitting at his have been beautiful in the extreme. On the top of the tower were placed two large brazen vessels and a bowl, which together contained various costly articles in the nature of an offering and f charm to avert evil influences. Among these were several pearls of various colors, each supposed to possess miraculous properties, together with other precious stones and a quantity of gold and silver. In this connection, designed to represent the best treasures of the state, were also placed a box of tea, some pieces of silk, and copies of some ancient Chinese writings. The tower was demolished by

## The Mind Cure.

A correspondent of the Providence Journal in a recent letter from Boston says: It is rather a curious thing that the mind-cure craze should be almost wholly "Well, captain,' I answered, I know confined to Boston, and that it should have so captivated the erratic Boston fancy. Here it sprung into existence "I didn't quite like the look that came years ago under the auspices of over his face. Is it possible, I thought, Dr. Cullis, whose faith-cure had in it the germ of this later system. Here it made for itself a footing, and slowly, quietly "He gave me plenty of time to think gained many a convert and accomplished many an astonishing cure, until it has my announcement. His first words were: become a firmly established institution, "'Pray, sir, have you spoken to the with a theory, a practice, a church, and a school-the Massachusetts Metaphysical college, on Columbus avenue-where "'Has she given you any encourageits tenets are taught and which numbers among the faculty such men as Dr. Bar-"'No, captain; but she has been very

There seems to be something weird and mysterious about it, though the treatment is simple enough with no medicine, no quackery of any sort to raise a doubt. The patient visits the mind-curer or Christian scientist, in a comfortable and is requested to follow Buntoward the captain, and immediately be- to reply a little haughtily. I suppose he thorne's advice and think of nothing at gan to deplore my insignificance. Seated saw the expression on my face, and he all, while the operator, sitting opposite with closed eyes, puts her vigorous mind to work for half an hour. And this is all. Science or no science, argument pro and con notwithstanding, there remains the stubborn fact that hundreds of people have received good care at the hands of these new doctors, and that remarkable cures are every day reported and

duly attested. Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the novelist, who came from New York with nervous prostration, was persuaded to s lent watching of my new divinity, and am very sorry you should be placed in try a little Christian science and returned I frantically envied the captain and a so unpleasant a position. It is partly in high glee, restored to health, and a bluff old colonel who were privileged to my fault, but much more that of your warm believer in the theory, and Miss own youth and rashness. You are an Louisa Alcott, who spends her winter in As soon as dinner was over I got officer and a gentleman, and will respect Boston, and who has been quite ill, is "I felt so utterly crushed that I was of the most successful operators, and is "She's a Miss Latimer,' he said; scarcely sensible of where I was. Cerrapidly recovering her health and spirits. any startling intelligence hith complacency. It is a necessity of the age we live in, this indifference to miracles, and ere long we shall be so steeled to surprises that the skies might fall and no one lift a startled eyebrow.

The forests of the United States comprise 412 species of trees, belonging to charming as she looked, and before I marriage secret, and my wife booked as 158 genera. Of these, forty-right general turned in the secretary secretary to the secretary se turned in for the night I was deeply, a passenger under her maiden name. Not era and sixty species are populiar to a soul on beard except yourself knows Florida.

#### TIMELY TOPICS.

Mr. Keely of motor notoriety has recently found a competitor for fame in France, where an inventor, M. Boutet, claims the honor of discovering a new force by the application of air and water. How he does it, he tells no more than Mr. Keely, but he promises to exhibit a tramway operated by the new motor at the coming Antwerp exhibition.

The dahlia, after having been unfashionable for many years, has of late again gained many friends, who will no doubt be interested to learn that this flower might this year celebrate the centenary of its introduction into Europe. In 1784 the Spaniard Vincent Cervantes found a new plant in Mexico with small red, violet, or orange flowers along a large yellow centre, growing on a long thin stock. He sent a specimen to Senor Cavanilles, the director of the botanical gardens at Madrid, who gave the flower its present name. From Spain the dahlia was exported all over Europe. For the first thirty years it was cultivated in other country, but later on Germany, and especially the town of Kostritz, has taken the first place in the culture of

Making cyclone pits is one of the doextent, a city of ruins, and the city the State every season, destroying everyproper has shrunk to one-fourth of its thing in their track, has warned the people to provide safe shelters near the house where the family can find refuge tury, by the order of the Emperor Yung | when the tornado approaches. In general they are merely deep holes in the ground. The latest improvement is called a "waterproof pit," the floor and walls being lined with brick lined with cement. The track of a tornado is so narrow, very rarely so much as half a mile wide, that the area swept by them is small comparatively, and the likelihood that any particular house will be in the path of a tornado is not great. Most of the makers of cyclone pits will never need to use

very imperative. The progress of the tea plants at the station near Summerville, S. C., is requite satisfactory. The plants, it is thought, are now large enough to afford stories, surmounted by a spire, on the leaves in sufficient quantities to warrant summit of which was a ball of brass, an effort at tea manufacture, if such an richly gilt. From this ball eight iron operation should be considered necessary chains extended to as many projecting by the department at Washington. That the Chinese tea plant can be grown over a large portion of the United States, and that good teas can be made from these plants, have been demonstrated, but whether teas can be procured of standard and manufacturer are questions which have not been practically demonstrated. It is well recognized that in some essential conditions of successful tea production (a principal one being a deficiency in the average rainfall) there is sufficient

Canton, who was guilty of recommend- one of his hind legs. ing one of them for employment, is also to be punished. He is, however, to be leniently dealt with on account of recent age Battery company, for the first time board of punishments for trial.

Any one in need of a carpet or a set of chairs would naturally be attracted paper, that 'Colonel C. Bonner, being about to sail for Europe, will sell his entire household furniture, pictures," etc. The fact, however, is that Colonel Bonpurpose of shoving off worthless furni-Colonel Bonner is occasionally varied by the advertisement of "a private family breaking up housekeeping after only six months." In these cases their is always a Steinway grand-action piano, and sometimes two, and this instrument adds dignity to the sale. The method is to fill the house with cheap but showy furnitheir underbidders, who lure on the genuine purchaser. The latter, of course, bargains" tumble to pieces; but every auction brings its new set of greenhorns, feature in the season.

Dr. W. E. Sylvester, in a paper which Neurologist, states that twenty years ago From 1870 to 1880 the increase in insan- church membership is not reported: ity was nearly 150 per cent., while that of the total population was about twenty-six. These figures do not, however, repulsional six. These figures do not, however, repulsional six. Section 1567 448 resent actual increase, but during this period a large number of insane persons, previously concealed, were brought to public notice by more thorough investigations. In America, apart from several large county asylums, there are eighty State and forty private institutions for the care of the insane, with a proper capacity for about 40,000, but containing 53, 192, thus leaving probably 45,000 to be cared for elsewhere. The proportion of insane is greatest in New England. while the increase has been most rapid in the Western States. In the State of New York there are thirty-five institutions for the care of these unfortunate people, accommodating 11,343 patients,

while it is said there are 4,000 provided

Porpoise fishing promises to become one of the principal industries on the New Jersey coast. The experiment made last fall at Cape May proved so successful that the facilities there were greatly increased, and other porpoise fisheries will be established in both Cape May and Atlantic counties. At first porpoises were caught for the skin and blubber alone, the carcasses being thrown away or in a few instances used as fertilizers. From the blubber is extracted a very fine oil, while the skin makes a superior quality of leather. Some time last fall it was discovered that porpoise flesh was savory to the taste, and it soon became popular as an article of food and was in great demand. The juicy red meat, which is taken from beneath a layer of fat next to the skin, is pronounced by epicures to be more palatable than any porterhouse steak ever cooked. In appearance it resembles beef, but is more solid and of finer grain and very tender. Some persons say that it tastes like venison, and that there is nothing of the England in a greater variety than in any fishy taste about it. Last fall New York fish dealers offered two cents per pound for the carcasses, but they will command a much higher figure next summer.

The Chicago Times asserts that "the last quarter of a century has been a period in which his ory has been made with unexampled rapidity -that is, vast events usurped its dignity as the seat of the nado. The tremendous force of these in dense masses have been developed. The place is now, to a great storms, several of which sweep across Rarely in any other period of equal length, save perhaps in the career of Napoleon Bonaparte, has to much occurred, and which has been so gigantic in the dimensions of the respective units, or so potent in influences on the destiny of the nations. Within that period many of the most mighty changes of modern times have taken place. In 1861, Russia emancipated her 22,000,000 serfs, and the same year in this country, commenced a conflict one of whose results was the freeing of nearly 4,000,000 slaves held by the Southern States. A year or two later, the comparatively insignificant state of Prussia commenced a series of aggressive movements against Sch'eswigthem, but if the need does come it is Holstein, which ended in the expulsion of Austria from the German confederation and the creation of the German empire-the mightiest product of the century. There were also the Russo-Turkish and Franco-Prussian wars, each of which made material changes in the map of Europe and radically modified the condition of at least one great empire.

> Kangarooing is the most exciting sport in Australia, and is one of the most exciting in the world. Large meets are organized, parties of from twenty to thirty joining in these hunts. They ride to the kangaroo grounds, and as soon as an animal is sighted the two dogs are released and the horses are given commerce and bring profit to the planter their heads. If the Australian horse is well up in his business, and if you let him take you instead of you trying to take him, he will carry you safely, avoid ing trees and underbrush. A good, strong kangaroo will give you a long chase, and very often the dogs cannot reason for caution in experiments on a follow him. In this case, when the large scale, even in the most favored cli- horseman gets up to the kangaroo he takes off his stirrup and strap and knocks the animal over the head, which effectu-A Chinese imperial decree has recently ally stuns him. He is then killed and been issued, ordering that the late vice. skinned. The hind quarters are given roy of Yunnan, through whose negli- to the dogs. It is good enough for gence, it is alleged, Sontay and Bac eating, but too strong to be palatable to Ninh were captured by the French, and those of delicate taste. The tail, on the viceroy of Kwangsi, who did not ad- the contrary, is considered delicious vance beyond Langson to the relief of when made into soup. The average size these two towns, are to be beheaded of a kangaroo is about three and a half after the "autumnal assizes." The vice- feet high, but the old man kangaroo is roys Li and Tso, who strenuously inter- often six feet, and is very fierce whea ceded for the culprits, are degraded two cornered; he has even been known to degrees in official rank. The viceroy of rip men open with a single blow from

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services in providing for the defence of makes it possible for a man to go and buy his province. Chang Pedun, who com- his electric light by the pound, and take manded at Foochow during the bom- it home with him. For \$5 you can buy bardment, is summarily degraded and a little box about the size of a thick dismissed, and is ordered to Pekin for pocketbook and weighing a little more trial, while several other military com- than half a pound. This box is hermetimanders and high officials who recom- cally closed and may be carried round in mended them for employment are also the pocket. Two wires project from it. either degraded or handed over to the With the box comes a little incandescent lamp about the size of a horse-chestnut. Attach the two wires to the lamp and for four hours you have a pure and steady by the announcement, in a New York a gas light; at the end of that time the year, and, despite the distracting influthe company's office and get it refilled at | toward the end of the year he received a cost of twelve cents. If instead of ner is a mere myth. The auctioneer, on allowing the battery to run out the light | found standing before the fire in his the other hand, is a swindler, who hires is used for a few seconds at long intera house and furnishes it, merely for the vals, extending over months, the leakage of electricity is very small and the lamp ture upon unwary buyers. The name of may always be depended upon for light, provided there is any current left. This is the smallest size of battery sold, but the lamps are of all sizes, the smallest being as large as peas and intended for surgeons who wish to see what is going on inside the body. The larger size batteries are intended for carriage lamps, for house illumination when cost is no place you in society to which your object, and for use upon the stage. It poor old father can hardly aspire. ture, made only to sell, and then have object, and for use upon the stage. It was this type of battery which was carried about some time ago by the girls in learns by his experience, as he sees the one of the ballets, and which lit up a small star in the headdress of each girl; but it is only now that they have been and so the fraud becomes a permanent put upon the market in quantities for

## Church Membership.

The following table, says the Inter-Ocean, gives the membership of the difthe number of insane persons in the ferent churches according to the most United States was only 24,042. In 1870 reliable authorities. The Roman Cathoit had reached 37,432, and in 1880 treat- lic church claims to have 6,370,858 adment was required for 91,959 lunatics. herents in this country, but their actual

Disciples of Christ	201,448
Dunkards	90,000
Episcopal, including Ref. Episcopal.	363,049
Evangelicals	144,000
Friends, or Quakers	67,643
Jews	13,683
Lutherans	684,570
Methodists, including the M. E	100000
Church South the Colored Church	
Free Methodises, etc	2,736,594
Moravians	16,112
Mormons	110,377
Presbyterians, including several	
branches of the church	.891,458
Reformed Church	253,659
Shakers and other communities	5,238
Swedenborgians	4,734
Unitarians	17,960
United Brethren	155,437
Universalists	26,238
Witchrennerians	20,224
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SILAS SOMERBY'S SUCCESS.

Rapid Advance in Wages. of Silas Somerby, and straightway push on refreshed. In the hope that it may encourage some fellow-toiler, I will briefly set down the story of his great

He began his business life in the emment he still remains, universally looked up to and honored by all whose position expenses.

with carnest effort, and at the end of six months he was one day summoned into his progenitor's private office, and thus

of \$5, for your board."

Filled with a gratitude too deep for expression, Silas left the paternal presence resolved to deserve his kindness or perish. He redoubled his efforts, and in six short months more he again stood one day, by particular request, before his father, who said with a broad smile of satisfaction draped about his benevolent countenance:

yours shall not go unrewarded. I have decided to raise your salary for the sec- letter on the advantages of groaning and figure of the future, and may God bless

voice trembling with genuine emotion Silas stammered forth his thanks. As he was leaving the room his father added. without raising his head from some papers over which he was busied:

circumstances will make a great difference in your mode of life. You will eat more, drink more, in fact, lead a broader and fuller life in every respect. I shall, therefore, charge you \$20 a week for board after this date. Good morning.' In the next six months Silas surpassed himself, and boomed things to a perfectly phenomenal extent. He was not. consequently, wholly taken by surprise when he found on his desk one morning a note in his father's familiar hand. Hastily tearing open the envelope with hands trembling with pleasurable an-

gress, nor shall I try. Words are cheap, but cash is, in such cases, the most accomplished conversationalist. Continue your efforts at double your present salary. Inclosed please find ck. for this week. Your affectionate

The inclosure bore in the lower right nand corner the flowing signature of the senior Somerby, and in the upper left the symbol \$, followed by the figure 5. In an ecstasy of gratitude Silas pressed the letter to his lips. As he did so he observed the legend "Turn over" obscurely placed in the lower corner, and following instructions he read as fol-

now such that you will no longer feel the need of economizing. A variety of mild extravation of income, are now within your grasp. You will feel like branching out in many directions. Men in your circumstances smoke fiften-cent cigars, and drink wineupon occasions. Their board sometimes costs them as much as \$45 a week. Yours will cost you precisely that amount.

Stimulated by these practical proofs of parental pride, Silas fairly humped light equal to about three candles or half | himself, so to speak, during the next lamp goes out because the battery is ex- | enco of a large income, attended more hausted. Then you can take it back to strictly than ever to business. One day a summons from his father, whom he private office. Judge of his surprise when the good old man, laying h's hand affectionately upon his son's shoulder, said:

nobly, I have long intended to more substantially reward your efforts than by mere words of praise, and I have decided to let that reward come in the form of a raise of salary. I am aware that a salary of \$100 a week will it will be your proud privilege to give suppers and to assist in booming the hack interests of this great metropolis. I, alas! on account of deficiencies of early training and education, and lack of funds, cannot tread these flowery paths with you; But the father is content to live again in the son, and to enjoy his triumphs in a back seat. I can scarcely hope," he continued, his voice trembling slightly, and a big tear rolling down his cheek, "to keep you at home with us any longer. Your new life will be at variance with our simple ways. You will, no doubt, feel like going to one of the principal hotels, and, perhaps, pay as much as \$95 a week for board We cannot compete at home with the crockeryware and silver they will you there to eat, nor with the manifold discomforts of the place; but, my boy, we can give you good, wholesome food,

And they did. And somebody still altered way of life with a self-denying tience that is rare indeed.—Puck.

The southern part of Africa has 70, 000 tame ostriches, producing \$3,000,000

How his Industry Resulted in a

I never lag behind in my pursuit of the nimble and elusive dollar but I think

ploy of his father, in whose establishin the house is inferior to his own. It was arranged in the beginning that he was to live at home, and that he was to receive a salary of \$10 a week, half of That it held the morning when laid away. which was to be deducted in payment of his board. His father designed thus not only to give his son a good start, but to inculcate at the very outset sound principles of economy, and to accustom his offspring to the now almost obsolete practice of laying aside a certain fixed percentage of his income to meet living

The son repaid the father's kindness

"Silas, I have observed with great pleasure your diligent attention to business, and have decided to raise your salary in practical recognition of your increased value. After to day you will draw \$15 a week, instead of \$10, as here tofore. And, by the way," the father added, as Silas turned to go, "as your living will now be, naturally, upon an increased scale of expenditure more in keeping with your augmented income, I shall hereafter deduct \$10 a week, instead

"My boy, you are exceeding my fondest anticipations. Such endeavor as

Here the old man paused; and in a

"Oh, Silas, one thing more. I was about to add that this change in your

ticipation, he read as follows: My DEAR SON-I cannot express to you

"Silas, my boy, you have been doing

plainly served, and a hearty welcome at the same price, and, by heaven, wa

has a place at their fireside, despite his altered circumstances. Happy in their son's success, the old folks never murmur, but put up with his late hours and

worth of feathers annually.

AFTERGLOW.

It is not altogether dark,

It is not altogether lonely, That the sky to-day holds shadows only: If some bygone year to us was fair, Its light still lingers on the air, As the flush in the west is fair to see When the sun long since has dropped under

It is not altogether dark, It is not alto rether lonely.

If the friend be oved was once ours only; The leaf of verbena, when we look Through leaves of some long since opened

book, Is haunted, we find, with the scent to-day

It is not altogether dark, It is not altogether lonely,

If the scented leaf remains to us only;

A little grave flower, though it be Linked with our loved one's destiny,

That grew in the light of that by gone year, That saddened and sweetened and left life

-Jennie Maxwell Paine.

The surest political appointment isdisappointment .- Marathon Independent. It is not the change of scene that cures so many traveling invalids. It is absence

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

from the doctor. - Cal'. "I'm down on roller skates!" exclaimed he, as he calmly proceeded to

regain his feet .- The Rink. "Liquor strengthens the voice," says a great tenor. This may be. It certainly strengthens the breath. — Call.

The boy whose hair is cut by his mother seldom takes off his hat when there are any girls around. -New York Journal.

A New York man has a bulldog that can read. He acquired his literary tastes by biting book agents. - Newman Inde-

The labor depression grows worse and

worse. A great many skating rinks are only running on half time. - Marathon A French physician has written a long

crying. One is that neither will be mis-"Plant anything on your Kansas farm, Bill?" "Yaas, planted a mortgage and two cowboys, but I am afraid I

can't raise nary one of 'em."-Burdette.

An exchange asks, "How shall we prevent mice from gnawing bark off fruit trees?" Kill the mice, of course. A dead mouse never gnaws bark .- Graphic. A man may be loaded to the eyebrows with philosophy, and yet become as helpless as a child when he tries to get

the last word with a woman. - Chicago The inability of George Washington to tell a lie left a gap in our national system that his fellow-countrymen have

used every exertion to fill.-Pittsburg A Brooklyn scamstress carelessly left a needle in the back of a young lady customer's dress, and now a particular friend of the family has his arm done up

in amica. - Rochester Herald. You may talk of the signs of the weather, Of the coming days you may sing,

But sitting down on a red-hot stove Is a sign of an early spring.

—Gorham Mountaineer. "How long does it take to become a pianist?" asks a subscriber. It is diffi-

cult to say. We know some people who will never be pianists. This is reliable and is published for the general good of the community. When Mrs. Pinaphor read that a mil

operator in Philadelphia "had a thousand hands," she looked a little credulous, and then quietly observed that "it must cost him an awful lot of money for gloves."-Norristown Herald.

A man never begins to find out how little he knows about domestic matters until his wife asks him to keep his eye upon the baby, and to see that a pan of melted butter is kept stirred, while she goes into the attic to look through her rag bag. - Full River Advance.

"Madam, can you tell me why tw women stop in the middle of a stree crossing to talk?" "I suppose they do i for the same reason that a man rushes a the top of his speed to get across the track in front of a train of cars and then stands and watches the train go by." The gentleman changed the subject .-

Rural Reader (to agricultural editor) -Will you please tell me in the next issue of your valuable paper, if ashes are good to put on strawberries?" Agricultural Editor (in the next issue of his valuab'e paper)--" 'Pomona' may like ashes on his strawberries, but as for ourselves we prefer sugar and cream."-Harper's Bazar. There was a little man,

And he had a little can, And a quart or more of kerosene was in it; And upon the kitchen fire, He poured the oil, and in much less than a quarter of a minute There was no little can, There was no little man-

The tale's too sad-I can't go on-Oh! why did I begin it? -Detroit Free Press. A man in New York, who could speak Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Greek, Turkish, French and English fluently, applied to the justice of the tombs a few days ago for employment. While this unfortunate man was frittering away his valuable time mastering several languages, he might have learned the art of pitching a curved ball, and would now be overwhelmed with tempting offers to

## The Richest Cabinet Lady.

become the pitcher of a score of profes-

sional baseball clubs. - Norristown Herald.

The richest lady in Washington, says a correspondent, probably is Mrs. Whitney, whose husband is secretary of the navy and whose father is the millionaire Senator Payne, of Ohio. It is said one of her brothers gave her a cool million within a year or two, and as a trifling Christmas gift gave her a \$10,000 ornament of rubies. The diamonds she wore at her first Wednesday reception in Washington were very large and brilhant. Her ear-rings of soltaire diamonds and the three soltaires which were set in a bar breast-pin are unusually large and